

“Boasting In The Cross”
Galatians 6:11-15
Sermon Series: “This Is Us”

Introduction: The word, “boast,” means to glory, exult, or brag. This text gives us two contrasting options for what we boast in. We can either boast in ourselves and our religious deeds or we can boast in Christ crucified. Why would we boast in a torturous execution, which was genuinely horrendous? We have sanitized the cross and tend to take it for granted, but it was genuinely gruesome and horrific.

1. It is seemingly absurd to boast in the cross.

A. The scandal of the cross (1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-23).

B. The suffering of the cross. This is like saying that we should boast in lynching, the electric chair, lethal injection, or torture. Think about how Jesus suffered. He suffered emotionally, physically, and He suffered spiritually.

2. However, it is actually absurd to boast in anything else. Why?

Here are ten things Jesus accomplished on the cross that are reasons to boast in the cross of Christ:

A. Jesus bore my curse so I am blessed (Galatians 3:13-14).

B. Jesus absorbed the wrath of God, so I have no condemnation (1 John 2:2, Romans 8:1).

C. Jesus justifies me, so I am declared to be righteous in the eyes of God (Romans 3:26).

D. Jesus cleanses me of all sin, so I do not have guilt or shame (1 John 1:7).

E. Jesus redeems me, so I can live in freedom as a child of God through the indwelling Spirit (Galatians 4:4-7).

F. Jesus regenerates me, so I can live as a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17).

G. Jesus reconciles me to God, so I am living in relationship with my Creator who is now my Father (Romans 5:10).

H. Jesus defeated Satan and his forces, so I can live in victory (Colossians 2:13-15).

I. Jesus revealed the love of God on the cross, so I can live in the security of knowing I am loved completely, unconditionally, and eternally (John 3:16, Romans 5:8).

J. Jesus identifies with me, so I can live out of this new identity in Him (Galatians 2:20).

Main Idea: It is seemingly absurd to boast in the cross, but it is actually absurd to boast in anything else.

What are you boasting in? Is it the cross or is it self? Is it the cross or worldly things? Is it the cross or religion? What are you trusting in, relying on, and worshipping? Is it Jesus or something else? Our boasting is really an expression of our faith (Galatians 2:16, Romans 3:24-4:4). Really, we are not boasting in the cross itself but in what Jesus accomplished on the cross.

3. Application: Here are some ways we can practically live our lives in order to boast in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A. Humble ourselves and trust Jesus, so we will glorify God (1 Corinthians 1:18-31).

B. Worship (Philippians 3:3).

C. Take up our cross and follow Jesus (Luke 9:24).

D. Proclaim Christ crucified to the nations (Matthew 10:32-33, Colossians 1:24).

Conclusion: Repent of your sin and trust Jesus alone as your Lord and Savior. Live your life boasting in the cross of Christ because of what He accomplished for us on the cross.